

Appl. No. 10/636,064
Response Dated November 19, 2004
Reply to Office action dated October 22, 2004

Remarks/Arguments

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed October 22, 2004. Claims 1-47 are pending. The following restriction and species election requirement were made:

Group I, claims 1-13 and 35-47, drawn to a humidifier;

Group II, claims 14-34, drawn to a filtering system;

Species A, corresponding to Figure 8; and

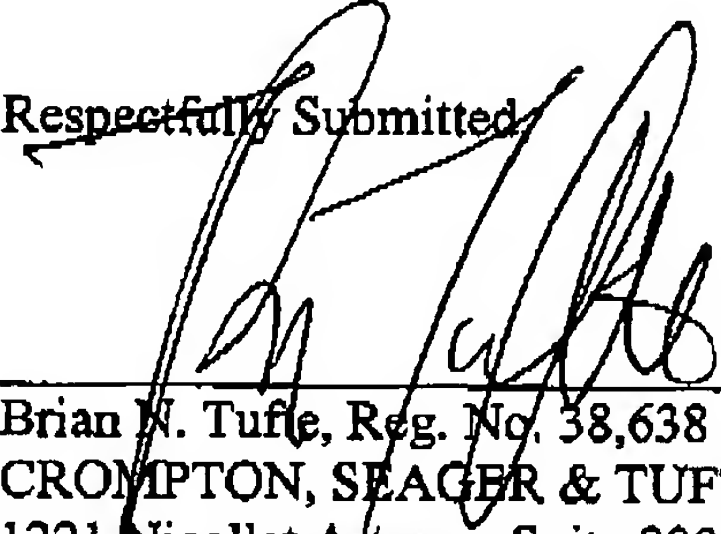
Species B, corresponding to Figure 9.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13 and 35-47, drawn to a humidifier, and Species A, Figure 8, without traverse.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

Respectfully Submitted,

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